

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sri Lanka	24105	1362.94	5795	356.19		
Bangladesh	30692	1417.36	16402	990.00	1804	184.00
Indonesia	147191	8945.78	78968	5283.89		
Hongkong	387799	19248.01	75522	4766.15		
Phillipines	82740	4315.28	8893	595.73		
U.K.	42021	2276.40	1900	113.22		
Brazil	128286	7455.06	11949	655.00		
Nepal	9597	554.69	1846	95.19		
Turkey	6000	358.77				
Romania	37457	2160.94	11432	592.17	6000	612.00
Switzerland	11037	606.33	3750	223.47		
Belgium	38174	1720.96			308.0	2349.24
Singapur	21765	996.56			300	35.10
Others	13295	666.40	24095	1268.27	21726	1548.17
Total	1376618	72537.20	390444	23823.58	108125	8338.70

#### Pending Court Cases

3264. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corruption and criminal cases in the country lying pending with the Supreme Court, the High Courts and District Courts for the last three years, Court-Wise;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps for the speedy disposal of these cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT. D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### New Coal Reserves

3265. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGARWAL:  
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal reserves in coal mines of the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the details of new coal reserves explored during the last three years and expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the ongoing exploration operation being undertaken to identify new coal reserves and expenditure incurred thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) As on 1.1.1997, the coal resources of India (down to a depth of 1200 metres) have been estimated by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) at 204652.69 million tonnes. The State-wise details are as under:-

(In Million Tonnes)

Sates	Total
Andhra Pradesh	13057.23
Arunachal Pradesh	90.23
Assam	320.21
Bihar	67819.36
Madhya pradesh	41451.21
Maharashtra	6738.79
Meghalaya	459.43
Nagaland	19.94
Orissa	47889.83
Uttar Pradesh	1061.80
West Bengal	25744.66
Total	204652.69

(Source: GSI)

(b) State-wise details of new coal reserves explored by GSI and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years are given below:

State	Reserves (in million tonnes)	Expenditure incurred (Approximate) (in Rs. crores)	1	2	3
			Maharashtra	Ib-River Wardha Valley	(a) Budhajharia (b) Maser-Pirli-Pavna (c) West of Saoner
West Bengal	1350.84	2.75			
Bihar	413.62	2.06			
Madhya Pradesh	803.21	7.58			
Orissa	1363.16	4.14			
Andhra Pradesh	36.73	2.69			

(Source: GSI)

(c) The details of on-going exploration operations being undertaken by GSI during the field season and the fund allocation in respect thereof are as under:-

State	Coalfield	Area of Operation	1	2	3
West Bengal	Raniganj	(a) Bistupur-Dandeswar			
		(b) Trans-Damodar			
Bihar	Rajmahal-Malda	(c) Berul-Bagdiha			
		Rajmahal-Malda Master Basin	(a) Balurghat-Hilli		
Madhya Pradesh	East Bokaro	Master Basin			
		(a) Koiyotanaser (East)			
Bihar	Auranga	(a) Latehar			
		Rajmahal Group of Coalfields	(a) Urma-Paharitola		
Madhya Pradesh	Hasdo-Arand	(b) Chaudhar-Gariapani			
		(a) Kente			
Orissa	Mand-Raigarh	(a) Nagdarna			
		(b) Ongana-Potiya			
Bihar	Korba	(a) Karkoma			
		(a) Batura			
Bihar	Sohagpur	(b) Kelmenia-Mithauri			
		(c) Shadol			
Bihar	Tatapani-Ramkola	(a) Meghuli			
		(b) Dhamni			
Bihar	Singrauli	(c) Sursa			
		(a) Singrauli Main Basin			
Orissa	Talcher	(a) North of Akhrapal & Srirampur			
		(b) Bagharia-Aunli			
Orissa		(c) Kosala (East)			

Total allocation of fund during the year 1996-97 (till December, 1996) for above operations is around 11.9 crores.

(Source : GSI)

[English]

#### Relaxation in Licencing Norms

3266. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have relaxed the licencing norms for 161 consumer items in a bid to free the consumer goods sector from State control;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent by which the relaxation of import restrictions have been helpful to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) As part of the ongoing process of review of the Export and Import Policy, changes in the Import Policy of a few items, have recently been made as per details indicated in Ministry of Commerce Notification No. 23 (RE-96) dated 10.2.1997, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. As the notification has been recently issued, it would be difficult to make any assessment regarding annual duty likely to be earned by Government on account of import of these items or their impact on indigenous industry.

#### Public Investment Board

3267. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his ministry had proposed to clip powers of the Public Investment Board;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministries and Departments are likely to be given powers to clear the projects in consultation with it and the Planning Commission;
- (c) if so, whether the proposal also envisaged that projects should not be cleared on the basis of Projects Authorities providing token funds;